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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A preformed foam bun for an automobile high-back seat, comprising:

a front portion that provides cushion and shape of the front portion of the highback seat;

a rear portion joined to the front portion so as to define an interior space for receiving an internal frame of the high-back seat;

wherein the rear portion defines an opening dimensioned to receive a utility or an entertainment component therein and;

a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion about the opening such that the mound increases the depth of the opening.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) The foam bun of Claim 2<u>1</u>, wherein the increased depth allows flush mounting of the utility or the entertainment component with respect to the mound.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The foam bun of Claim 3, wherein the front portion of the foam bun is <u>contoured dimensioned</u> with respect to the mound so as to generally maintain a <u>desired selected</u> thickness of the foam bun about the opening.
- 5. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, further comprising a wire pathway defined by the foam bun such that the pathway allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the foam bun thereby allowing the foam bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.
- 6. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, wherein the foam bun is formed from urethane.
- 7. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 6, wherein the opening is formed during molding of the foam bun.
- 8. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, wherein the utility component comprises a storage compartment.
- 9. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 8, wherein the storage compartment includes a cover.

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- 10. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 1, wherein the entertainment component includes a video screen.
- 11. (Original) The foam bun of Claim 10, wherein the entertainment compartment includes a cover to hide the video screen from view when the video screen is not in use.
 - 12. (Currently Amended) A high-back seat for an automobile, comprising: an internal frame that provides structural integrity of the seat; a seat cover that covers the seat; and

a preformed bun interposed between the internal frame and the seat cover, wherein the bun defines an integral opening at its rear portion such that the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein;

wherein the bun further comprises a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion of the bun about the opening to provide sufficient depth for flush mounting of the utility or entertainment component.

- 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Currently Amended) The seat of Claim 14_2, wherein the contouring of the bun further comprises a reduction in the front portion of the bun joined to the rear portion, wherein at least a portion of the front portion generally opposite from the mound has a thickness dimension which is reduced about the opening to generally maintain a desired selected thickness of the bun about the opening.
- 16. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the bun further defines a wire pathway that allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the bun thereby allowing the bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.
 - 17. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the bun is formed from urethane foam.
- 18. (Original) The seat of Claim 17, wherein the opening is formed during molding of the foam bun.
- 19. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the utility component comprises a storage compartment.

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20. (Original) The seat of Claim 19, wherein the storage compartment includes a cover.

- 21. (Original) The seat of Claim 12, wherein the entertainment component includes a video screen.
- 22. (Original) The seat of Claim 21, wherein the entertainment compartment includes a cover to hide the video screen from view when the video screen is not in use.
 - 23. (Currently Amended) A foam bun for an automobile high-back seat, comprising: a front portion that provides cushion and shape of the front portion of the high-back seat;
 - a rear portion joined to the front portion so as to define an interior space for receiving an internal frame of the high-back seat;

an opening defined by the rear portion of the seat wherein the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein; and

- a <u>raised</u> mound <u>portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion</u>, formed about the opening to increase the depth of the opening.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A preformed foam bun for an automobile high-back seat, comprising:
 - a front portion that provides cushion and shape of the front portion of the highback seat;
 - a rear portion joined to the front portion so as to define an interior space for receiving an internal frame of the high-back seat;
 - an opening defined by the rear portion of the seat wherein the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein; and
 - a <u>raised</u> mound <u>portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion,</u> formed about the opening to increase the depth of the opening; <u>and</u>
 - a wire pathway defined by the foam bun such that the pathway allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the foam bun thereby allowing the foam bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.

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28. (New) A high-back seat for an automobile, comprising:

an internal frame that provides structural integrity of the seat;

a seat cover that covers the seat; and

a preformed bun interposed between the internal frame and the seat cover, wherein the bun defines an integral opening at its rear portion such that the opening allows installation of a utility or an entertainment component therein;

wherein the bun further comprises a raised mound portion extending approximately rearward from the rear portion of the bun about the opening;

and wherein the bun further comprises a front portion joined to the rear portion, wherein at least a portion of the front portion generally opposite from the mound_has a thickness dimension which is reduced about the opening to generally maintain a selected thickness of the bun about the opening for flush mounting of the utility or entertainment component.

- 29. (New) The seat of Claim 28, wherein the bun further defines a wire pathway that allows one or more wires to be routed from a first location adjacent the opening to a second location on the bun thereby allowing the bun to be prewired for easier wiring of the utility or the entertainment component installed in the opening.
- 30. (New) The seat of Claim 30, wherein the opening is formed during molding of the foam bun.
- 31. (New) The seat of Claim 28, wherein the utility component comprises a storage compartment.
 - 32. (New) The seat of Claim 32, wherein the storage compartment includes a cover.
- 33. (New) The seat of Claim 28, wherein the entertainment component includes a video screen.
- 34. (New) The seat of Claim 34, wherein the entertainment compartment includes a cover to hide the video screen from view when the video screen is not in use.